

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 521 - SB 898

February 11, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Professional Music Therapy Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners (Committee). Establishes the Committee is to consist of five members, to be appointed by the Governor, who must be licensed professional music therapists and must be actively engaged in the practice or teaching of music therapy in this state at the time of their appointment. Authorizes the Committee to issue licenses to qualified applicants, which will be valid for 24 months from the date of issuance.

Entitles members to travel and other appropriate expenses while engaged in Committee business. Requires the Division of Health-Related Boards in the Department of Health (DOH) to provide administrative support to the Committee. Authorizes the Committee to promulgate rules to implement the proposed legislation. Places the Committee under sunset review with the first termination date on June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue – \$40,000/FY23-24/Board of Medical Examiners
\$40,000/FY24-25/Board of Medical Examiners
\$24,000/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years/
Board of Medical Examiners**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$88,700/FY23-24/Board of Medical Examiners
\$82,500/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/
Board of Medical Examiners**

Other Fiscal Impact – Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Medical Examiners had an annual surplus of \$937,379 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$902,739 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,289,036 on June 30, 2022.

Assumptions:

- The professional music therapist license fee will be \$500. The biennial renewal fee will be \$300.
- It is estimated that there are approximately 160 music therapists in the state. This analysis assumes that licensure for music therapists will remain consistent.

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- Assuming 50 percent become licensed in FY23-24, the increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$40,000 [(160 music therapists x 50.0%) x \$500].
- The remaining 50 percent will be licensed in FY24-25; the increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$40,000 [(160 music therapists x 50.0%) x \$500].
- In FY25-26 and subsequent years, there will be licensure renewal fee revenue resulting in an increase in state revenue of \$24,000 [(160 music therapists x 50.0%) x \$300].
- The DOH will require one additional Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 1 position to assist the board administrator with review, approval, and issuance of licenses.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the position is estimated to be \$6,200 (\$3,500 computer costs + \$2,700 office furniture).
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$79,349 (\$53,100 salary + \$16,149 benefits + \$7,900 administrative fee + \$1,600 communications + \$600 supplies).
- The Committee will consist of five members. Such members will receive no compensation for their services but will be reimbursed for travel expenses. The Committee will meet four times a year.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$3,200 (\$0.63 per mile x 254 miles roundtrip x 4 meetings x 5 members).
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY23-24 is estimated to be \$88,749 (\$6,200 + \$79,349 + \$3,200).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY24-25 and subsequent years is estimated to be \$82,549 (\$79,349 + \$3,200).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Medical Examiners had an annual surplus of \$937,379 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$902,739 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,289,036 on June 30, 2022.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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